

# CHINO VALLEY UNIFIED - CARE PROGRAM

# MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is designed to provide educational stability and opportunity for students experiencing homelessness.

THE LAW DEFINES HOMELESSNESS AS CHILDREN WHO LACK FIXED, REGULAR AND ADEQUATE NIGHT TIME RESIDENCE.

THIS INCLUDES:

TEMPORARILY SHARING HOUSING DUE TO ECONOMIC HARDSHIP  
LIVING IN A MOTEL, HOTEL, EMERGENCY SHELTER, OR VEHICLE  
UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH

## STUDENTS' RIGHTS:

- Immediate school enrollment, even if lacking paperwork normally required, or not in the physical custody of parent/guardian
- Continued attendance in the school of origin or the school of attendance area where student is living
- Comparable services that are available to other students
- Transportation to and from school of origin, upon parent or liaison request

### Possible signs of homelessness:

- Attendance at several schools
- Poor hygiene and grooming
- Sleeping in class
- Inappropriate dress for weather  
Ex. No sweater during cold weather
- Hunger and/or hoarding of food
- High amount of tardiness and/or absences
- Statements such as: "We're staying with relatives/friends. We're going through a rough time now."

### Impacts of homelessness:

- Data shows higher incidences of acute and chronic illnesses such as depression and anxiety.
- Youth that experience homelessness in high school have lower graduation rates.
- A youth who experiences homelessness is 87% more likely to drop out of school.

### How you can help:

- Recognize stressful environments outside of school and provide accommodations for homework. For example, the child may not have the means to be able to do a science project outside of school.
- Refer student/family to the CVUSD HOPE Family Resource Center or other programs that offer support services.

**The CARE Program at the HOPE Family Resource Center** partners with students and families to remove barriers to learning. Support services include food and clothing, childcare information/referrals, school and hygiene supplies, family case management, assistance with social services applications, counseling, tutoring and more!



CONTACT THE HOPE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER AT  
(909)628-1201 EXT. 8960